Uniform Media Policy

*87. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Media Group has raised the issue of a uniform media policy; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The representatives of the India Media Group had basically pleaded for parity, in material particulars, between the guidelines for foreign investment in newspapers and uplinking of news and current affairs TV channels from India. The eligibility criteria for uplinking of news and current affairs TV channels has been revised accordingly in August, 2003. India Media Group appreciated the steps taken and have requested for strict enforcement of guidelines related to FM Radio and DTH.

Anomalies in fixation of duty entitlement pass book rates

*90. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no clear cut guidelines for fixing Duty Entitlement Pass Book Rates for blended socks;

(b) if so, whether it is affecting the exporters who are in the trade of manufacturing of socks and made of cotton/polysters;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Export Promotion Councils like Apparel Export Promotion Council/Synthetic Export Promotion Council are not serious and not supporting the exporters' cause; and

(d) the steps being taken to help and increase the faith of the exporters?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (d) There are clear Guidelines for fixing Duty Entitlement Pass Book (DEPB) rates. These are duly notified in the Handbook of